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SUBJ: CONSERVATION IMPACT OF PROPOSED IDB LOAN FOR
MEXICAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

REF: STATE 190084

1. ALTHOUGH PANAMA HAS PAID LIP SERVICE TO THE CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES OF INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC), PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER IATTC ISSUES HAVE NOT EVOKED MUCH RESPONSE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE RESOURCES, PANAMA'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION. INTEREST APPEARS TO BE LOW SINCE PANAMA HAS NO LARGE ECONOMIC INTEREST IN TUNA FISHING AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ALL FIVE PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSELS WHICH OPERATED IN YELLOWFIN REGULATORY AREA DURING 1972 ARE FOREIGN OWNED.

2. UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURE DIRECTOR OF MARINE RESOURCES
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WOULD BE ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE

SYMPATHETIC TO ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS ASSURING MEXICAN COOPERATION IN IATTC. HOWEVER, HIS RESPONSE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO CAUSE PANAMA'S IDB REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN IDB DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ISSUE OR TO GREATLY AFFECT A DECISION BY PANAMA'S IDB REPRESENTATIVE IF HE WERE TO PARTICIPATE.

3. IN EMBASSY'S ESTIMATION, PANAMA'S DECISION ON TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN DELIBERATIONS AND REGARDING WHICH SIDE TO TAKE WILL BE BASED ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, ESPECIALLY SENSITIVITY WITH RESPECT TO IMPOSING IATTC RELATED CONDITIONS ON THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE IDB. PANAMA HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN SENSITIVE TO INDICATIONS THAT U.S. WAS APPLYING PRESSURE ON LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS BY IMPOSING CONDITIONS ON LOANS. FYI: PANAMA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN IDB IS A MEXICAN, JESUS RODRIGUEZ Y RODRIGUEZ. THEIR ALTERNATE, EDUARDO MCCULLOUGH, IS PANAMANIAN.
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